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At every period in the history of the improvement in the enginery of war there have been armies HARDWARE of the philosophers and peace advocates to urge that the time has at last arrived when war has become impossible.

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